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SUDDENLY TARRS' HORSE STUMBLES...



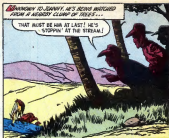
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Better that day on the main street of Bear Creek...





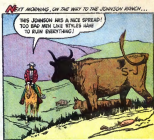


ENTER THE EVENING IN THE LITTLE TOWN OF BUCKENBURY...









BUT JENNY TRIES SOM BY SURPRISE...

THE LAST WISE MARSHAL
THAT STYLES SENT OUT...

OW!

CRACK!

WHY, YOU
TWO-LEGGED
CHORE ...

HELD ON, SAM! I'M A MARSHAL
ALL RIGHT, BUT NOT
A STYLES MAN!

MY NAME'S BROWN! I'M A S.F.
DEPUTY MARSHAL! THIS OTHER
BARGE IS JUST A COVER! I'VE COME
TO YOU FOR HELP!

WELL, I'LL BE FAD-BURNED! I MIGHT
HAVE KNOWN HOW OF STYLES' MAN
WOULD BE THAT SLICK! GET DOWN,
BOY! LET'S TALK!

SAME WHILE LATER...

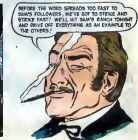
...AND WITH STYLES THINKING
I'M TAKING, HE WANTS ME TO GET YOU
IN A FIGHT SO I CAN SHOOT YOU,
LEGAL-LIKE! NOW HEEDS NOW
YOU CAN HELP ME TRAP STYLES!

FINE BARG, BOY!
BUT NOT AT ME,
HEED YOU!

THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M AFRAID I'M GONNA
TO HAVE TO DO, MR. JOHNSON! LISTEN
CLOSELY...

















NOT MOVING...



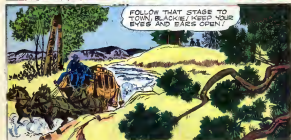
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IN THE
PHANTOM
SURPRISE

AS JOHNNY MACK BROWN RIDES THROUGH HIGH LONELY COUNTRY ON HIS WAY TO THE TOWN OF INDIAN CREEK, HIS MOVEMENTS ARE WATCHED THROUGH A PAIR OF BINOCULARS.











BE GLAD TO HELP,
JOHNNY!
BUT WHAT
CAN I DO?

GO THROUGH THE BOOT
HILL CEREMONIES JUST
LIKE NOTHING WAS WRONG!
I'VE GOT A STRONG HUNCH
THE BUSHWHACKER WILL BE
SHOWING UP!

AND I'M GOING TO BE THERE
IN DISGUISE!



SHERIFF, YOU AND MACK ARE THE
ONLY ONES THAT KNOW THIS
SECRET! AND I DON'T WANT
IT TO GO ANY FARTHER!



LATER, AT BOOT HILL...

SO WE ARE ALL GATHERED
HERE TO PAY OUR FINAL
RESPECTS TO ONE OF THE
GREATEST LAWEN THE WEST
HAS EVER KNOWN!



WHEN! THIS BEARD'S HOT—
AND SO FAR NO FAMILIAR
FACES! WAIT... THAT MAN!
I KNOW HIM! IT'S SWITCH
CONNERS! HE'S GROWN A
MUSTACHE!



I SENT HIM TO PRISON
SEVEN YEARS AGO!
THIS IS WORTH
LOOKING INTO!

HAHA!
BROWN SEEMS
INTERESTED IN
MR. MALONE!



AFTER THE 'CEREMONY' JOHNNY FOLLOWS
SWITCH TO TOWN...



LATER THAT EVENING...

OUR WAIT PAID OFF, REBEL / HE'S HEADING OUT OF TOWN / WE'LL FOLLOW AT A DISTANCE SO HE WON'T SEE US!



JOHNNY TRAILS SWITCH TO A LONELY CABIN IN THE WOODS...

SURE IS AN OUT-OF-THE-WAY PLACE TO BE VISITING THIS TIME OF NIGHT!



MAYBE I CAN MAKE A CLOSER CHECK!



THIS IS IT, BLACKIE / THE TELEGRAM WE'VE WAITED NEARLY A YEAR FOR / THE MOUNT SHIPMENT!

GOOD / THEN WE'LL USE OUR ORIGINAL PLAN!



RIGHT / THE MONEY'LL BE ONLY IN OUR BANK VAULT OVERNIGHT, SO WE'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST!



THAT EXPLAINS WHY SWITCH WAS WAITED SO LONG TO MAKE A MOVE / MAYBE...



BLACKIE, YOU HAVE
THE SICKBOARD
READY AT THE...
NO! IT CAN'T BE!

FOR AN INSTANT, JOHNNY REVEALS
HIMSELF AT THE WINDOW...

IT'S JOHNNY MACK
BROWN! GET HIM!

HURRY, YOU
DIDIT! HE'S
ALIVE!

BUT HOW
COULD
HE BE?

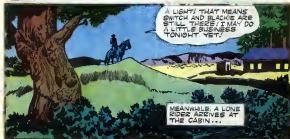
SURE YOU WERENT
SEEN' THINGS,
SWITCH?

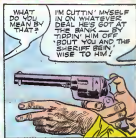
I TELL YOU I SAW
JOHNNY MACK
BROWN OUTSIDE
THAT WINDOW!

BUT WE SAW HIM
BURIED YESTERDAY!
REMEMBER I GET
HOLD OF YOURSELF!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...





IF NEVER HAVE FIGURED YOU TO DO
SOMETHING LIKE THIS, MACK, BUT...



SUDDENLY, JOHNNY'S HAND
MOVES TOWARD THE LAMP...



...AND THE ROOM IS PLUNGED INTO
DARKNESS.



I'M AFRAID I MISSED HIM! I'VE GOTTA
GET OUT OF HERE
QUICK!



REBEL!
SPOOK HIS
HORSE!



WHEE-
AUGH!



WHOA! YOU
DEVIL! WHOA!



GOOD BOY,
REFE!



THAT'S FAR
ENOUGH, MACK!



NOW YOU'RE GOING INTO
HIDING FOR A WHILE!



BEFORE LONG JOHNNY ARRIVES
AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ...

JOHNNY/WHAT'S
HAPPENED?
WHO IS THAT?

CAUGHT US A SIDE-
WINDER SHERIFF!
MACK WAS GOING
TO SPILL THE BEANS
TO SWITCH!



WHERE'D
YOU CATCH
HIM?

TRYING TO MAKE
CONTACT WITH
SWITCH AT THE
HIDEOUT! HERE,
READ THIS! I'LL
EXPLAIN A LOT!



A LUMINT
SHIPMENT
TOMORROW!
YOU MEAN...

RIGHT! SWITCH IS
PLANNING TO LIFT IT
WITHIN THE NEXT 48
HOURS! MAKE SURE
THIS LUMINT IS
LOCKED UP TIGHT!



RIGHT!
BUT HOW
DO YOU
PLAN TO
STOP THE
ROBBERY?

YOU HIDE IN THE
BANK TOMORROW...
AND STAY THERE
TILL I APPEAR!
NO MATTER HOW
LATE! I'LL TAKE
CARE OF THE REST!



LATE THE NEXT AFTERNOON, THE MINT
SHIPMENT ARRIVES AT THE BANK ...

FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND
DOLLARS WORTH OF ME...
MR. WITHERS!

BOOPYCOCK! OUR VAULT
IS THE BEST THIS SIDE
OF THE Pecos! THAT'S WHY
THEY'VE SENT THE CURRENCY
TO OUR BANK FOR FURTHER
DISTRIBUTION!

THAT
"SWITCH"
IS A COOL
HOMER!



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THAT EVENING, MC. WITHERS AND
SWITCH LOCK UP THE BANK...

AND LATE THAT NIGHT...



